IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

WEDNESDAY, THE 10TH OCTOBER 2007 / 18TH ASWINA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 6173 of 2007

(CR. NO. 94/2007 OF ARYANAD EXCISE RANGE)

PETITIONER/ACCUSED

SHAILAJA.D/O.SARASWATHY,THINAVILA PUTHEN VEEDU,PARUTHIPALLY,KODDUDIMURI,MANOORKARA VILLAGE, NEDUMANGAD TALUK.

BY ADV. SRI.T.A.UNNIKRISHNAN
SRI.K.SATHEESH KUMAR

RESPONDENTS:

STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,HIGH COURT OF KERALA ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI. JAI GEORGE

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 10/10/2007 ALONG WITH BA NOS. 6174/2007 AND 6176/2007 THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J
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B.A.Nos. 6173, 6174
& 6176 of 2007
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Dated this the 10th day of October, 2007

ORDER

These applications are for regular bail by a common petitioner. The petitioner, a woman faces allegations under the Kerala Abkari Act. She was allegedly found to keep in her possession 7 litres of arrack on 27.06.2007, 10 litres of arrack on 12.8.07 and again 10 litres of arrack on 23.8.07. On two earlier occasions she was not arrested. She was arrested on 23.8.07 and she continues in custody from that date. In the other cases also her arrest was recorded.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner prays, the learned Public Prosecutor does not oppose the said prayer on condition that the investigating officers are granted the full complement of 60 days from 23.8.07 to complete the investigation and I am satisfied that the petitioner can now be directed to be released on bail, subject to appropriate terms and conditions.

3. In the result, this petition is allowed. The petitioner shall be released on bail on the following terms and conditions:

i) The petitioner shall not be released on bail on the strength of this order prior to 23.10.2007. The investigating officer shall, in

the meantime, make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

ii) She shall execute bonds for Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) each with two solvent sureties each for the like sum in each case to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate.

iii) The petitioner shall make herself available for interrogation before the investigating officer between 10 a.m and 12 noon on all Mondays and Fridays, for a period of two months. Thereafter, she shall make herself available for interrogation as and when directed by the investigating officer in writing to do so.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

sj

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P.A.TO JUDGE